

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claims 1, 12, 13, 14, and 17 as follows:

4 1. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing personal information to customize an
5 application program, comprising the steps of:

6 receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user identity,
7 wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

8 surname;

9 given name;

10 address;

11 set of initials;

12 telephone number; and

13 firm name;

14 creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;

15 storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality
16 of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application
17 programs; and

18 upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application
19 program that is included in the plurality of application programs, sharing the personal information
20 corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal
21 information is applied to customize an output of the application program.

22 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

23 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,

24 retrieving the user record including the personal information;

25 modifying the user record including the personal information with the new personal
26 information; and

27 sharing the new personal information with the application program, wherein the new
28 personal information is applied to an output of the application program.

1 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user
3 identity,
4 creating a user record including the new personal information corresponding to the
5 new unique user identity; and
6 sharing the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity
7 with the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the new unique
8 user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

9 4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
10 in response to receiving a change in user identity,
11 retrieving the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and
12 sharing personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the
13 changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated with
14 the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the application
15 program.

16 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the user record in
17 a framework identity database.

18 6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of receiving personal
19 information further comprises the step of sending the personal information to a shared code library
20 for the plurality of application programs, wherein the shared code library sends the personal
21 information to the framework identity database.

22 7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal
23 information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving the
24 personal information through a user interface.

25 8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal
26 information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving one of
27 new and previously stored personal information from one of a computer and a network.

28 9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of sharing the personal
29 information with the application program further comprises the step of customizing an output of the
30 application program using the personal information.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein the user interface comprises at
2 least one of: a graphical user interface, a mouse, a keyboard, a touch-sensitive display screen, and a
3 voice recognition interface.

4 11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information
5 comprises at least one of: a user name, an address, a telephone number, a picture, a speech pattern, a
6 preference, and a list.

7 12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information
8 comprises at least one of: a dictionary, an auto-correct list, a menu option, a dialog layout, a
9 dictionary setting, a grammar setting, a help list, and a user preference list.

10 13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the output comprises at least one
11 of: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a preference, and a feature.

12 14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program
13 comprises at least one of: a word processor, an electronic spreadsheet, a graphical presentation
14 program, an electronic personal information manager, and an electronic mail program.

15 15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program
16 comprises a plurality of modules.

17 16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal
18 information comprises the step of receiving personal information from a second application program.

19 17. (Currently Amended) A computer system for utilizing personal information to customize
20 an application program comprising:

21 a memory for storing an application program, machine instructions, and a framework identity
22 database; and

23 a processor functionally coupled to the memory, for executing the machine instructions and in
24 response thereto, being operable for:

25 receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user identity,
26 wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

27 surname;

28 given name;

29 address;

30 set of initials;

1 telephone number; and
2 firm name;
3 creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;
4 storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality
5 of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application
6 programs; and
7 upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application
8 program included in the plurality of application programs; sharing the personal information
9 corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal
10 information is applied to customize an output of the application program.

11 18. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine
12 instructions further cause the processor to:

13 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,
14 retrieve the user record including the personal information;
15 modify the user record including the personal information with the new personal
16 information; and
17 share the new personal information with the application program, wherein the new
18 personal information is applied to an output of the application program.

19 19. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine
20 instructions further cause the processor to:

21 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user
22 identity,

23 create a user record including the new personal information corresponding to the new
24 unique user identity; and

25 share the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity with
26 the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user
27 identity is applied to an output of the application program.

28 20. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the machine
29 instructions further cause the processor to:

30 in response to receiving a change in user identity,

1 retrieve the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and
2 share personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the
3 changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated with
4 the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the application
5 program.

6 21. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine
7 instructions further cause the processor to store the user record in the framework identity database.

8 22. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 21, wherein the machine
9 instructions further cause the processor to send the personal information to a shared code library for
10 the plurality of application programs, wherein the shared code library sends the personal information
11 to the framework identity database.

12 23. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal
13 information corresponding to the unique user identity is received through a user interface.

14 24. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal
15 information corresponding to the unique user identity is received as one of new and previously stored
16 personal information from one of a computer and a network.

17 25. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine
18 instructions further cause the processor to customize an output of the application program using the
19 personal information.

20 26. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, further comprising a user
21 interface comprising at least one of: a graphical user interface, a mouse, a keyboard, a touch-
22 sensitive display screen, and a voice recognition interface.

23 27. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal
24 information comprises at least one of: a user name, an address, a telephone number, a picture, a
25 speech pattern, a preference, and a list.

26 28. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal
27 information comprises at least one of: a dictionary, an auto-correct list, a menu option, a dialog
28 layout, a dictionary setting, a grammar setting, a help list, and a user preference list.

29 29. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the output comprises
30 at least one of: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a preference, and a feature.

1 30. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application
2 program comprises at least one of: a word processor, an electronic spreadsheet, a graphical
3 presentation program, an electronic personal information manager, and an electronic mail program.

4 31. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application
5 program comprises a plurality of modules.

6 32. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein personal information
7 is received from a second application program.